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TAGS: ECON, EMIN, MR
SUBJ: MAURITANIAN COPPER MINING OPERATIONS

1. MAUTANIAN NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL AND MINING COMPANY
(SNIM) DIRECTOR-GENERAL AMAR TOLD EMBOFF MAY 19 THAT GIRM
HAS DECIDED TO CLOSE DOWN ALTOGETHER DEFICIT COPPER MINING
OPERATIONS AT AKJOUJT APPROXIMATELY 150 MILES NORTH OF
NOUAKCOTT. AFFECTED WILL BE 56 EXPATRIATE WORKERS
(ALMOST ENTIRELY FRENCH) 75 MAURITANIANS AND 13 LOCAL CONTRAC-
TORS (MOSTLY SENEGALESE) ALL OF WHOM ARE EXPECTED TO BE LAID
OFF BY END OF MAY.

2. CLOSING OF OPERATION HAD BEEN CONSIDERED A POSSIBILITY EVER
SINCE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SOCIETE NATIONALE INDUSTRIELLE ET
MINIERE (SNIM) WOULD DIVEST ITSELF OF UNPROFITABLE ACTIVITIES.
MAURITANIANS TOOK OVER MINING OPERATION IN 1975 WHEN PRIVATE
BRITISH COMPANY (CHARTER GROUP) OPERATING MINE AT SUBSTANTIAL
LOSS ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO LEAVE. GIRM DECISION TO OPERATE
MINE ITSELF WAS BASED MORE ON WISH TO MAINTAIN VILLAGE OF
AKJOUJT (SEDENTARY POPULATION 9,817 NOMADIC 10,000) AS
VIABLE COMMUNITY THAN ON ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS.

3. IN CONVERSATION MAY 19, AWIR, WHO HAS OFTEN NOTED THE
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DIFFICULTY OF COVERING THE OPERATIONS' LOSSES FOR THREE YEARS
CONFIRMED CLOSING. STATED DECISION WAS YET TO BE MADE ON
CONTINUATION OF A SMALL EXPERIMENTAL PROJECT INVOLVING SUFLIDES
TO INCREASE COPPER YIELDS.

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